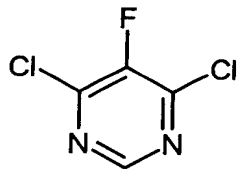
Claims:

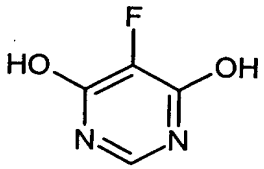
1. Process for preparing the compound of the formula



(I),

characterized in that

4,6-dihydroxy-5-fluoropyrimidine of the formula (II) or its alkali metal salt



(II)

is reacted with phosgene in the presence of a solvent, optionally in the presence of a catalyst and optionally in the presence of a phase transfer catalyst.

2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the solvent used is nitrobenzene.

3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the catalyst used is 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

4. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the process is carried out without catalyst and without phase transfer catalyst.

5. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the process is carried out using 4-dimethylaminopyridine as a catalyst and without a phase transfer catalyst.

6. Process according to any of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the process is carried out at temperatures from 40°C to the reflux temperature of the particular mixture.

7. Process according to Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that, to prepare the compound of the formula (I), from 2 to 20 mol of phosgene are used per mole of the compound of the formula (II).

8. Process according to any of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that, to prepare the compound of the formula (I), from 0 to 30 mol% of the catalyst are used per mole of the compound of the formula (II).